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Name of Organization: Nevada Commission on Aging
Subcommittee Concerning Legislative Issues

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Date and Time of Meeting: December 3, 2013
10:00 a.m.

Place of Meeting: Aging & Disability Services Division
445 Apple Street, Suite 104
Reno NV 89503

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I. Call to Order/Roll Call

Present: Jeffrey Klein, Lawrence Weiss, Diane Ross, Grady Tarbutton,
Lisa Krasner

Consultant Present: Barry Gold

Absent: Lucy Peres, Senator Mark Manendo

Staff Present: Jane Gruner, Sally Ramm, Tina Padovano

A quorum was declared.

II. Public Comment (No action may be taken upon a matter raised under public comment period unless the matter itself has been specifically included on the agenda as an action item.)

No public comment.

III. Approval of Minutes of October 29, 2013 Meeting.
(for possible action)
Jeff Klein, Chair

A motion was made by Grady Tarbutton to approve the October 29, 2013 Minutes. Larry Weiss seconded the motion. None opposed. October 29, 2013 Minutes are approved as distributed.

IV. Update on the Content and Progress of the Aging and Disability Services (ADSD) Integration Strategic Plan.

Jane Gruner, Administrator, ADSD

Jane Gruner announced that the last day to receive the surveys was December 2, 2013. Close to nine hundred (900) surveys have been completed and submitted. The majority of the completed surveys are from seniors. The data will now be calculated by Kelly Marshall. The gathered information will help determine the needs of the community. There have been three town hall meetings, one in Las Vegas, one in Elko and one in Washoe County. The next section is on implementation.

Connie McMullen and Sue Rhodes are on the Committee and represent the issues of older persons very well.

Larry Weiss asked that updates be sent to legislators on these matters.

V. Discuss New Regulations for Home and Community Based Waivers that are Causing Concern Among Providers.

Jane Gruner and Barry Gold

Barry Gold stated that there is currently no new information on this matter.

Jane Gruner stated that she is staying on top of this matter, but currently there is no new information.

Jeffrey Klein suggested placing this item on the next agenda.

Grady Tarbutton has reviewed a report regarding Medicaid Waivers from Cook County, Chicago. The report compares waivers between Cook County and the State of Chicago. He will forward the report to Sally Ramm for distribution to the Subcommittee.

VI. Review, discuss and prioritize the List of Priority Issues.
(for possible action)

Jeff Klein and Grady Tarbutton

Mr. Klein thanked Grady Tarbutton for his work on the initial list. The Committee has received a copy of the initial list of priority issues.

Sally Ramm stated that Lucy Peres would like to add hearing aids to the list.

Grady Tarbutton suggested that many items on the list should be combined. The list is over ten (10) items at this time and we are limited to ten (10) items. Mr. Weiss suggested adding a group called Adaptive Devices, which will include items such as hearing aids, eye glasses, dentures, DME.

Sally Ramm suggested adding Guardianship to the list.

A suggestion was made to add Family Caregivers to the list.

Diane Ross asked for clarification in regard to the creation of a Medicaid non-medical transportation waiver that is listed.

Grady Tarbuton explained that Oregon and other states have non-medical transportation that is covered by Medicaid. This will not require legislation, but it would need to be added to the State Plan. This service could be provided to people that are Medicaid eligible.

Jane Gruner stated that Nevada currently has non-medical transportation under the Developmental Services Waiver.

Lisa Krasner stated that the senior population in Sparks, Nevada have expressed concerns regarding the lack of transportation in their area.

Diane Ross announced that there will be a RTC Transportation Summit on Friday. Some of the Subcommittee will be involved with this Summit.

Mr. Klein asked that Grady Tarbuton prepare an outline of the action items associated with the RTC Transportation Summit.

Sally Ramm stated that transportation is one of the top issues in Nevada. This item would give us an opportunity to be sure that everyone in the state is included with transportation issue, including in the rural areas.

Sally Ramm asked Grady Tarbuton to explain the item called Complete Streets/Walkable Neighborhoods.

Grady Tarbuton stated Complete Streets has been very successful in Nevada. Washington State and Minnesota mandate Complete Streets. Complete Streets is the National standard for having walkable neighborhoods, reducing speeds, increasing capacity, bike paths, and wider sidewalks.

Grady Tarbuton suggested dividing the priority list and asking Subcommittee members in the North to work on items and members in the South to work on items.

Draft of Top Ten List:

- Legal Rights for Elders
- Transportation
- Caregivers
- Nutrition
- Home and Community Based Care
- Housing
- Medicaid
- Veterans
- Health
- Adaptive Technology

Sally Ramm will send the Draft Top Ten List to the Subcommittee members for review and amendments.

Jane Gruner will forward the survey results to Sally Ramm. The survey results can then be consolidated into the Top Ten List.

- VII. Determine a Timetable to Accomplish the Goals of the Subcommittee, Including but Not Limited To the White Paper of Issues including Demographics, Planning for Meetings with Legislators in Various Provider Facilities and Offices around the State, Forums and Town Hall Meetings, Reaching out to Legislators no Longer in Office to Facilitate Education of New Legislators on Senior Issues. **(for possible action)**

Jeff Klein, Chair

Mr. Klein suggested making a timetable of the priority list and goals of the Subcommittee.

Sally Ramm suggested that Mr. Klein put together a small subcommittee to review the timetables of the priority list.

Grady Tarbutton, Diane Ross and Lucy Krasner volunteered to help with the timetable priority list.

- VIII. Assignment of Duties to Subcommittee Members.
(for possible action)

Jeff Klein, Chair

Grady Tarbutton will prepare an outline of the action items associated with the RTC Transportation Summit.

Sally Ramm will draft the Top Ten List and distribute the List to the Subcommittee members for review and amendments.

- IX. Discuss and Make Recommendations for the Subcommittee's Involvement in the Conference on Aging planned for 2015 by the Nevada Delegation to the National Silver Haired Congress. **(for possible action)**

Lucy Peres

Lucy Peres was not present to discuss Item IX. Item IX will be carried over to the next meeting.

- X. Consider and Make Recommendations for Topics and/or Agenda Items and Date for Next Meeting
(for possible action)

Jeff Klein, Chair

Sally Ramm suggested that everything from this agenda be moved to the next agenda.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 7, 2014 at 10:00 A.M.

- XI. Public Comment (No action may be taken upon a matter raised under public comment period unless the matter itself has been specifically included on the agenda as an action item)

Lisa Krasner contacted the City of Reno's Parks and Recreation Director and the Senior Services Director regarding any input they may have regarding senior issues. They have not replied to Ms. Krasner's request at this time. Ms. Krasner will relay any information to Sally Ramm once she hears from them.

Jeffrey Klein mentioned a program regarding nutrition issues.

Jane Gruner believes there is an ongoing Governor's group that is studying the nutrition issues in the state. Director Willden has a Statewide Food Recovery Plan. Jane Gruner will obtain a copy of the Plan from the Director's office.

XII. Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn was made by Jeffrey Klein, motion was seconded, no opposed, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:07 A.M.

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2. Aging and Disability Services Division, Las Vegas Office, 1860 East Sahara Avenue, Las Vegas, NV 89104
3. Aging and Disability Services Division, Reno Office, 445 Apple Street, Suite 104, Reno, NV 89502
4. Aging and Disability Services Division, Elko Office, 1010 Ruby Vista Drive, Suite 104 Elko, NV 89801
5. State Legislative Building, 401 S. Carson Street, Suite 3138, Carson City, NV 89701
6. Grant Sawyer State Office Building, 555 E. Washington Ave, Suite 4401, Las Vegas, NV 89119
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